

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 remain pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments to claim 21 cure the informalities noted by the Examiner.

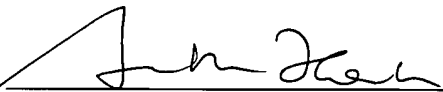
The allowance of claims 1-20 is gratefully acknowledged.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant earnestly believes the application to now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that it be passed to issue.

If any fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 21-0800.

Respectfully submitted,

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